

FATAL WRECK ON SOUTHERN ROAD

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DANVILLE, VA., August 11.—North-bound local passenger train No. 12, of the Southern Railway, drawn by engine No. 36, with Engineer Puryear at the throttle, and Conductor Hammond in charge, collided with fast freight No. 26 half a mile north of Fall Creek early Sunday morning, owing to a misreading of orders, killing two men and seriously hurting several others. The two engines and several cars were utterly demolished, the debris being strewn for a considerable distance down the track.

The locality presented a scene of the utmost confusion. The sides of the track were strewn for a considerable distance with the wreck of the cars. The engines came together head-on, and right angles to the track, and left stranded amid a bed of sassafras. Trucks and wheels were hurled in every direction. The passenger cars on the local train were considerably injured. None of the passengers, among whom were several Danville people, were seriously hurt. A special was hurried upon the scene, and the passengers transferred to this city at an early hour.

Among those who arrived on the special were Susan C. Mays and Mrs. J. P. Owens, of Stokesland, and Mrs. Herdemia Haskins, of Whites.

Bernard Carter, of Lynchburg, was also a passenger, suffering a sprained ankle on the head and a general shaking up. John Skinnert, of Lynchburg, was the recipient of a bruised nose and sprained knee. Oscar Skinnert, of Lynchburg, was also hurt on the knee. None of the people whose names have been enumerated are considered seriously hurt. They left this afternoon for their respective homes.

RELIEF TRAIN. A special relief train was sent out from this city. It was accompanied by Drs. L. E. Harvie, W. C. Day, W. L. Robinson and J. S. Irvin. These gentlemen rendered medical assistance and did what they could to alleviate the suffering. The wounded were conveyed to the Home for the Sick, where human medical skill is being pitted against the infirmities of the flesh.

Among those killed were Jerome Carter, of Augusta, Ga., thought to be a tramp, who was found underneath a car with one leg cut entirely off. Messrs. Herndon Y. Fitzgerald and J. Roscoe Anderson, both of this city, located the sufferer. He was conveyed to the side of the track beneath the shade of some trees, where he expired in two hours, and before assistance could arrive. A handkerchief was bound around the severed member to check the flow of the blood.

A red-headed tramp, of this place, a red-headed tramp, of this place, was also killed. The latter, whose name is not known, was mangled almost beyond recognition. Part of his brain, which was beaten out on the side of the track, was the subject of much curious inspection all of today.

The engineer, firemen and postal clerks on both trains jumped, and thereby saved their lives. All of them were more or less bruised and injured. From the best information obtainable the fault lies with the freight. It is alleged that the freight should have made the switch, and there sidetracked so as to allow the local train to pass. Owing to a misunderstanding of the orders both trains met on the main line, and the collision ensued.

Among those taken to the Home for the Sick were Conductor Byerly of the freight train, and Fireman Rubin, colored, and an electrical engineer from Lynchburg, named McCormick.

The freight train, which was No. 25, was in charge of Conductor J. A. Morton. On the passenger train Engineer Ollie Puryear was running under command of Captain Hamner, who several days ago was assaulted by a man while in the discharge of a jury. The name of the fireman on this train is not known.

RAINS GET THROUGH. At a late hour this afternoon the wrecking crew were busy at work removing the debris from the vicinity of the railway tracks. The noon trains came through all right, and it is thought that there will be no further delay in the schedules.

The real condition of the wounded men is not known. There is no authentic information as to whether their injuries are serious or not. It is thought that they are mostly bruised. The men employed on the engines were hurt especially in jumping. The skin is scraped from their faces and arms, and they are much bruised and battered. So far as can be learned they will live.

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Appointed Marshal.

Chief Howard has received notice of the appointment of Thomas F. Farnam as marshal of the city of Baltimore. He has been acting as such for about six months. Marshal Farnam has a number of friends in Richmond, who are glad of his success.

The Proposed Cuban Loan

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, August 11.—Secretary Shaw has given some study to the subject of the proposed Cuban loan of \$5,000,000 and has reached the conclusion that the questions involved are not such as come within the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department. It is likely that the secretary will so inform the Secretary of State.

Torpedo Boat Truxton.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The torpedo boat destroyer Truxton will be delivered by the builders to the Norfolk navy yard and will soon after be placed in commission. This is one of the swift new destroyers which on her speed trial made a little short of 20 knots.

Revolutionists Cut Cable.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Minister Bowen charged the State Department that the revolutionists have cut the cable at Barcelona. Minister Bowen says the cable was cut immediately after the receipt of a message stating that the revolutionists were entering the city.

Increase of Dividend.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The Colorado and Southern Railway Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 percent on the first preferred stock. This is an increase of 1/2 percent over the previous dividend. It was declared out of the surplus earnings for the six months ended June 30th.

An Object Lesson.

Editor The Times:

Sir: The account in The Times of the capture of the negro, Charles Craven, near the wharf, and the subsequent events, including the lynching, furnish food for deep reflection to all law abiding citizens of the State. The fact that there appears little or no doubt of the guilt of the negro aggravates the case, as there would have been but little doubt in convicting him. There was not the usual excuse, as in the majority of lynchings, that the negro had committed the unmentionable crime, when a court trial with its publicity is the thing sought to be avoided. True the murder was brutal and entirely unprovoked, except for a short time in the early spring. The corn crop is immense, and it is thought that both the early and late plantings of that cereal will yield large returns. Crops of tomatoes, melons, peas and other crops are excellent, and the markets here are being supplied with every variety of vegetables, fresh from the surrounding farms, every day. The pastures are good, and vegetation generally looks as fresh as in May.

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Mr. Thomas C. King, whose funeral took place from the Baptist Church this afternoon, conducted by Rev. T. S. Dunaway, and who died suddenly while at his work on Saturday, had been regularly employed in one position with the George Gravatt Carriage Manufactory here since 1886.

Mr. H. T. Holladay, Sr., has sold his fine farm, "Pearl Hill," near Raccoon Ford in Orange county, containing 240 acres, to Mr. G. W. Hume, on private terms.

Mr. Byron G. Vincent, of Caroline county, has been appointed to a position as railroad postal clerk on the Southern Railroad.

The annual convention of the Potomac Baptist Association will commence at Zoar Baptist Church, near Bristowsburg, in Fauquier county, on August 13th. A large number of churches belong to this association, all of which are expected to send delegates, and a large attendance of visitors is also expected.

CONTINUED AGITATION

The People Oppose the Closing of the Congregationalist Schools in France.

(By Associated Press.)

BREST, Aug. 11.—The Prefect to-day called a meeting of the inhabitants of the towns of Saint Meen, Le Folgoet and Plouzanet, who have been resisting the closing of unauthorized Congregationalist schools, in order to explain the situation to them and induce them to renounce their desperate resistance. The Prefect said the agitation was casting discredit upon the country, and that his hearers could not imagine that three communes would be allowed to operate in law. The Prefect's speech was warmly received, and with cries of "We will resist to the death, there will be bloodshed, we will allow ourselves to be massacred before we abandon the sisters."

Abbe Gavray, Republican, Catholic member of the Chamber of Deputies, from Finistère, replied to the Prefect and said the agitation, far from discrediting the country, was uplifting it in the eyes of the world. He said that the delay in the peace, said the Abbe, was not to disturb the sisters. The meeting broke up with the cry of "Long live the Sisters and liberty."

A GREAT BATTLESHIP

The Connecticut, Soon to Be Started at New York, to Be a Monster.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The Navy Department to-day issued the final instructions to the New York Navy-yard to proceed with the construction of the battleship Connecticut, 16,000 tons, which is to be the first warship built in a Government yard. The sum of \$17,000,000 is available for fitting up cranes, etc., and under the instructions issued to-day the commandant at New York is expected to organize the working force and begin operations without delay. It is expected that the keel of the ship will be laid in about six months.

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The union services, in which all of the congregations of the city united, were held last night at the Presbyterian Church. A large congregation filled the spacious building to its utmost capacity, and listened closely to an able sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. J. W. Rosebro, pastor of the church, who has just returned from a vacation spent in the North. His subject was "A Sermon to Business Men," which he treated in a thoroughly practical way, and received the closest attention of his hearers.

All-day services were held at Andrew's Chapel, in King George county, to-day, sermons being preached at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M. A beautiful dinner was served on the grounds, and a large crowd was present.

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